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MEMORANDUM

TO : Chief, Inspection and Security Division
 Mention: Alien Affairs Officer

FROM : Chief, R Division

SUBJECT: Preferential entry into the United States
 of Sergei Leonovich KATKIN

1. It is hereby requested that your office make the necessary arrangements to legalize the entry into the United States of Sergei Leonovich KATKIN, formerly Kostin, Leonovich KATKIN, his wife, Tatiana Ivanovna (KATKIN) KATKIN, and his six year old daughter, Larisa, under the provisions of Section 203 a 1 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. In view of the operational considerations involved in this highly sensitive case, your expeditious handling of this request will be greatly appreciated.

2. Subject has already received the following security clearances:

 Provisional Clearance No. 898, 30 July 1951

 Provisional Clearance No. 1685, 15 January 1952.

Request for prompt handling of his covert security clearance has just been submitted to Chief, Staff S/OPS.

3. Subject has been employed by CIA since November 1951. In January 1952 he was assigned to an exceptionally valuable and sensitive project. He fulfilled his assignment in a most commendable manner despite considerable personal risk including loss of life or kidnapping by the Soviets at the slightest mishap. Recently operational security considerations have necessitated his removal to a safer area. However, the sensitivity and the importance of this case are such as to cause this Division much concern for the security of our entire operation so long as Subject remains in Europe. His admission to the United States is therefore in the interest of the national security.

4. Entirely uninfluenced by the serious considerations listed above, there is a definite and urgent need for Subject's specialized

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services in the capacity of contract agent with this division. It is felt that Subject's highly specialized qualifications could not be duplicated by any individual who could be furnished by any United States trade organization, guild, professional society, or educational or research organization.

5. Based on all available information, it is believed that Subject is not now, nor will in the future become, a security threat to the United States.

6. It is contemplated that Subject will be employed on a long range basis as a contract agent with the R Division. He will not become a public charge in the United States.

[Chief, SR]

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